

Arthur B. Choate L-024406-4P-A-N // Appeal

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- **Supplemental information regarding alternative, submitted by applicant (January 29, 2009)**

Gartley & Dorsky

ENGINEERING SURVEYING

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Subject: Choate Property
MDEP NRPA L-24406-4P-A-N

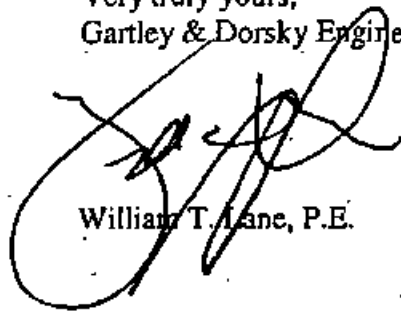
Dear Beth:

Recently you provided Gartley & Dorsky with public comments on the proposed pier at the Choate property. You asked us to address specific comments, enumerated below:

1. *Availability of docking facilities at the Tarratine Club (comment from Mr. Thomas):* We understand from a member of the Tarratine Club that it does not allow members to have boats on the floats other for loading and offloading passengers. We further understand that only dinghies are allowed at the dock for longer durations.
2. *Family dock/float on the western side of Islesboro (comment from Mr. Thomas):* The Choate relative that owns a dock on the western side of the island has not extended permission to the applicant. Mr. Choate does not hold rights to continually use that property in any manner. The security issues relating to remote docking of the applicant's boat is addressed in the application.
3. *Proposed pier location is exposed to prevailing fall storm wind direction and winter storm direction (comment from Harbor Committee):* The pier is designed to account for the prevailing storm wind directions, including granite supports. An inspection of recent aerial photography indicates there are other piers on the eastern side of Islesboro, including some depicted in the submission. Structures on other islands as well as the eastern coast of the mainland that are regularly built to account for these winds.
4. *Is the granite block part of the seafloor (CEO/Harbor Committee comment):* The Department of Marine Resources has provided a preliminary response on this matter. The suggestion provided by DMR is to utilize open stacking, as depicted in the submission, to allow for movement of materials through the construction, and increasing the available surface area to support biological growth. We believe that the appropriate actions, in consultation with the germane regulatory body, are presently proposed to support reuse of the granite blocks.

If you have questions regarding this application, please feel free to contact me directly at (207) 236-4365.

Very truly yours,
Gartley & Dorsky Engineering & Surveying, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. T. Lane', is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized with a large loop at the beginning and end.

William T. Lane, P.E.

cc: Arthur Choate
Stephen G. Smith, Architect